

EQUAL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

March 08, 2018

AGENDA ITEM

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	Nathaniel Alston called the meeting to order.	Meeting called to order at 9:10 a.m.
Minutes: December 05, 2017	Nathaniel Alston called for approval of the Minutes. Roger Barnes moved that the Minutes be approved; the motion was seconded by Margaret Kim.	Unanimously approved
Certifications: December 5, 2017 through March 08, 2018	Roger Barnes moved that the applications be approved; the motion was seconded by Margaret Kim.	Unanimously approved
New EBO Manual	Mahesh gave hard copies of the new EBO Manual to the Commissioners present. Commissioners on the conference call and absent in the meeting will be mailed a hard copy.	
Purchasing Reports	<p>Discussions (Purchasing Report)</p> <p>Mahesh presented the Purchasing Report which included statistics for the 2nd Quarter of FY 2018.</p> <p>Roger Barnes highlighted that there were significant dollar amounts spent with African American businesses and Woman-Owned Businesses. He asked if the County ever does a press release highlighting positive numbers. Mahesh mentioned that yes the County has done it in the past, once being about two years back wherein the County's' EBO utilization was the highest it has ever been.</p>	
Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program	<p>Mahesh mentioned that the County Council recently passed legislation for the Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise Program, which will be a separate program, separate from the EBO program. Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VOBE) means a business enterprise that is verified by the Center for Verification and Evaluation of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as a Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise. There will be a 1% goal for this program.</p> <p>Roger Barnes asked if there were any geographic boundaries for the program or if out of state veterans can also participate in the program. Mahesh mentioned that there were no geographic boundaries.</p>	

Member Comments	<p>Shahan inquired about the outcome of CR121-2017. Mahesh mentioned that it was approved by the County Council on December 04, 2017. Some of the major changes to the policy are: The new revised EBO Goals are 20% overall goal and a 15% subcontracting goal. (This is an increase from our current 15% overall goal and 10% subcontracting goal). Certified MBE/WBE/DBE prime contractors can count 100% of the work they self-perform on contracts with EBO subcontracting goals.</p> <p>Roger Barnes added that also clarifying the certification eligibility criteria of 51% ownership was crucial. Mahesh added that reviewing Commissioners can call certification applicants in case they have questions about eligibility or require additional documentation to determine eligibility. Mr. Alston added that such information is beneficial to determine if the persons listed on paper have the requisite skillsets and knowledge for the business and whether they are involved in the day-to-day operations of the business.</p>	
Adjournment of Meeting at 9:40 am	<p>Motion to adjourn by Nathaniel Alston.</p> <p>Next regular EBOC Meeting scheduled for April 03, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.</p>	

EBOC MEMBER ATTENDEES:

1. Nathaniel Alston
2. Roger Barnes
3. Jason Peay (conference call)
4. Shahan Rizvi (conference call)
5. Matthew Lee (conference call)
6. Margaret Kim (conference call)

ABSENT:

1. Nancy Briguglio

NON-MEMBER ATTENDEES:

1. Dean Hof
2. Mahesh Sabnani
3. Constance Tucker